

Amendments to the Specification

Please replace the paragraph beginning at page 19, line 8 with the following amended version of that paragraph:

If desired, there may be multiple installations of user television equipment 22 within the home connected via an in-home network. This may provide for coordinating the functionality of multiple guides within the home. Systems in which the functionality of multiple guides are coordinated are described, for example, in concurrently filed Ellis et al. U.S. patent application Serial No. [[_____] (Attorney Docket No. UV-73)] 09/356,161, filed July 16, 1999, which is hereby incorporated by reference herein in its entirety. In such systems, remote program guide access device 24 may be connected via remote access link 19 to one of the guides and may provide users with the ability to remotely coordinate the functions of all of the guides.

Please replace the paragraph beginning at page 62, line 23 with the following amended version of that paragraph:

A chat application may be implemented on a set top box. Chat applications are services that allow users to exchange chat messages with other users in real time. A

chat application may be implemented as a stand-alone chat application or as part of another application such as a program guide application. Chat applications that may be implemented on user television equipment are described in DeWeese et al. U.S. patent application Serial No.

[[_____, filed concurrently herewith (Attorney Docket No. UV-101)]] 09/356,270, filed July 16, 1999, which is hereby incorporated by reference herein in its entirety. A user may remotely adjust settings associated with a chat application such as the size of a chat window, an address book, or whether to filter potentially offensive messages. After the user adjusts chat settings with a remote access chat application running on a remote access device, the remote access chat application may remotely adjust the settings of a local chat application by, for example, exchanging one or more access communications with the local chat application over a remote access link.

Please replace the paragraph beginning at page 63, line 11 with the following amended version of that paragraph:

If desired, the settings of an e-mail application running on a set-top box may be adjusted remotely. Set-top based messaging systems are described, for example, in

concurrently filed McKissick et al. U.S. patent application
Serial No. [[_____] (Attorney Docket No. UV-128)]]
09/356,245, filed July 16, 1999, which is hereby
incorporated by reference herein in its entirety. Users
may, for example, remotely add to or change an address book.
When the user adjusts e-mail settings with a remote access
e-mail application running on a remote access device, the
remote access e-mail application may remotely adjust the
settings of a local e-mail application by, for example,
exchanging one or more access communications with the local
e-mail application over a remote access link.